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Donald M. Lockhart
Helen Virginia Lockhart
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2233 East 400 North Road
Pana, Illinois 62557

RE: ILLINOIS RIVERS PROJECT
Tract No(s): A_ILRP_PP_CH_144
Tax ID No(s): 11-25-06-400-001-00

Dear Property Owner:

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois ("ATXI") has received authorization from the Illinois Commerce Commission to construct a new 345,000 volt electric transmission line through portions of Illinois. The Commission issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Docket No. 12-0598 in orders dated August 20, 2013 and February 20, 2014 that approve a route for the transmission line. The Certificate and the Orders authorizing ATXI to construct the transmission line were granted under Sections 8-406.1 and 8-503 of the Public Utilities Act. This transmission line, which is known as the Illinois Rivers Project, will affect property you own.

The Illinois Rivers Project is part of a group of Multi Value Projects that were approved by the regional electric transmission organization known as the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) of which ATXI is a member. Multi Value Projects have been identified as providing a number of material benefits to the regional and Illinois electric transmission system. Specifically, the Illinois Rivers Project will facilitate the delivery of renewable energy from wind generation in Illinois and throughout the Midwest. This project will also strengthen the transmission system and improve electric service reliability to homes and businesses in the central Illinois region. Another major benefit of the project will be relief from load congestion, making the system more efficient and thereby reducing costs.

The transmission line will be constructed using single-shaft steel poles and will be built to meet all regulatory and safety requirements. The poles will be placed on concrete foundations, and their height will range from 80 to 140 feet with the typical distance between the poles being approximately 700 feet.

ATXI seeks to negotiate the purchase of an easement or other land rights for the new transmission line across land that you own in Christian County, Illinois. A Contract Land Staff representative, working as a contractor on ATXI's behalf, will contact you sometime after March 19, 2014 to schedule a meeting to discuss the project in detail and to negotiate a fair and reasonable agreement with you for the easement rights ATXI is seeking. If you would like to contact Contract Land Staff sooner to arrange a mutually agreeable time for an appointment, please call Amanda Sloan at (877) 686-6205 or write to them at 3200 Pleasant Run, Suite C, Springfield, IL 62711.

Enclosed is a "Statement of Information from the Illinois Commerce Commission Concerning Acquisition of Rights of Way by Illinois Utilities" and a project overview map for your information. For more information about the Illinois Rivers project, or for a list of contractors that might be contacting you regarding the easement on your property, please see the Project Website at www.ilriverstransmission.com.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the project in detail.
Sincerely,

Rick Trelz, Manager, Real Estate
Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois

Enclosures: Illinois Rivers Project map
Statement of Information from the Illinois Commerce Commission

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INTRODUCTION

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) is preparing to construct new 345,000-volt transmission lines that will interconnect Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. The project, known as the Illinois Rivers Project, is part of a portfolio of Multi-Value Projects (MVPs) that has been approved by the Midcontinent ISO, a regional transmission organization.

The MVPs will facilitate the delivery of renewable energy, improve reliability, and provide economic and efficiency benefits. The Illinois Rivers Project is directly aligned with Ameren's strategic goals of providing our customers with reliable, efficient and environmentally responsible energy.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Illinois Rivers Project will extend from a new substation near Palmyra, Missouri, across the Mississippi River to Quincy, Illinois and continue east across Illinois to Meredosia, Pawnee, Pana, Mt. Zion, and Kansas, then across the Indiana border to Sugar Creek. The project includes two additional segments from Meredosia to Ipava and Sidney to Rising. Ten substations will be developed, including nine in Illinois, in addition to other facility modifications.

ROUTE APPROVAL

Potential routes associated with the project were evaluated through a comprehensive process involving extensive public participation and input. This process resulted in the identification of proposed routes that were included in a petition to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN). ATXI filed its petition for a CPCN in November 2012.

The ICC issued ATXI a CPCN for portions of the Illinois Rivers Project in August 2013, as shown on the reverse page. Detailed maps depicting the approved routes are available on the project website (ilriverstransmission.com). The portions of the project between Pawnee, Pana and Mt. Zion were not included in the August 2013 order. ATXI plans to request further review by the ICC of the Pawnee-Pana-Mt. Zion portion of the project.

Preparation for right-of-way acquisition associated with approved portions of the project has commenced. Construction activities on portions of the project are anticipated to begin in 2014. The earliest proposed in-service date associated with the project is December 2016.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To receive more information, please visit ilriverstransmission.com or call the project hotline at 1-800-229-9280.





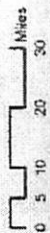
Illinois Rivers Project ICC Approved Route

Legend

- ICC Approved Route
- ICC Approved Substation Sites
- Existing Substation Sites
- County Boundary
- State Boundary
- Railroad
- Roads
 - Interstate
 - US Highway
 - State Highway

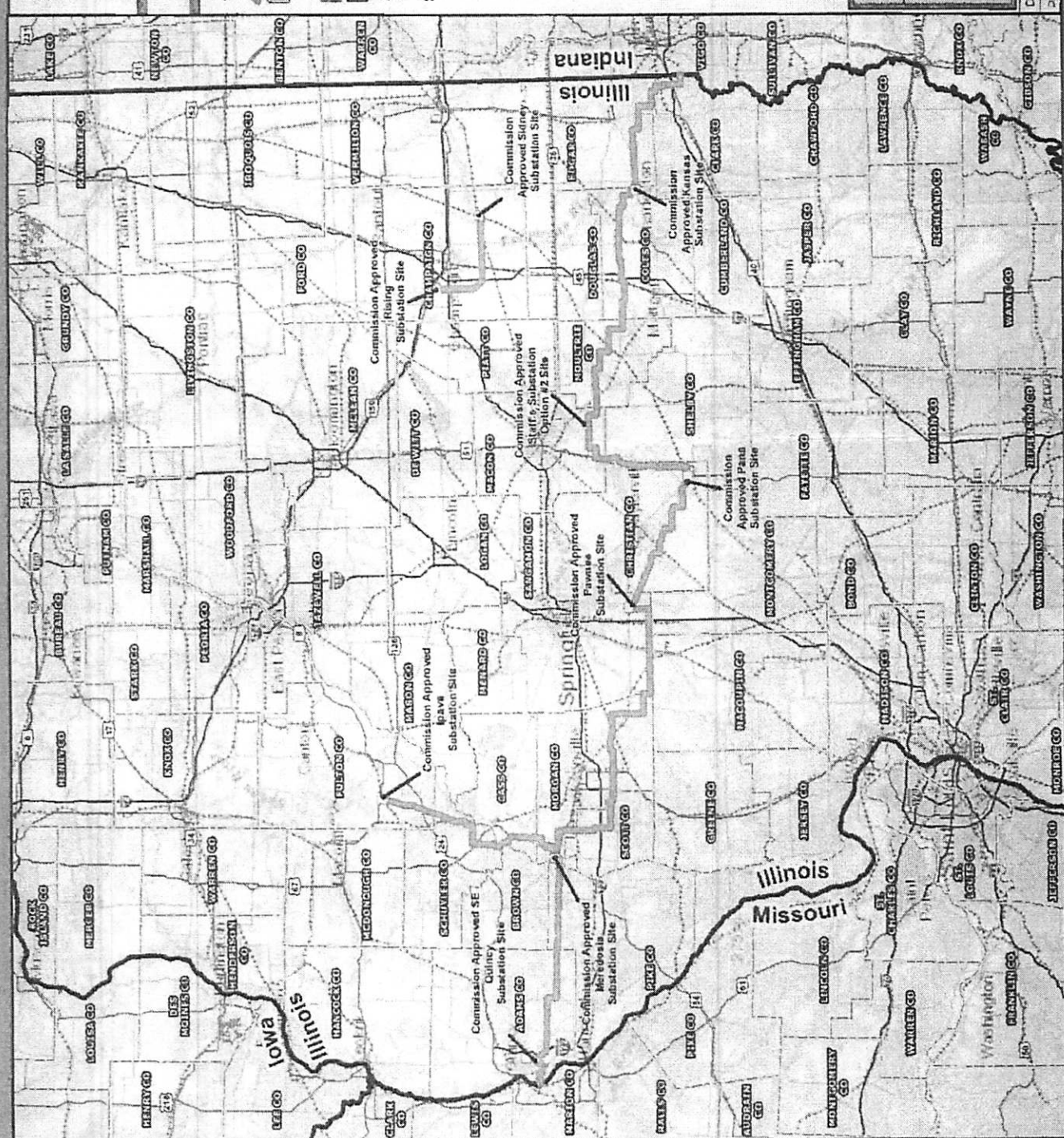


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ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TITLE 83: PUBLIC UTILITIES

CHAPTER I: ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

SUBCHAPTER b: PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MORE THAN ONE KIND OF UTILITY

PART 300 GUIDELINES FOR LAND AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITIONS

SECTION 300.APPENDIX A STATEMENT OF INFORMATION FROM THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF LAND OR LAND RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY ILLINOIS UTILITIES AND COMMON CARRIERS BY PIPELINE

Section 300.APPENDIX A Statement of Information from the Illinois Commerce Commission Concerning Acquisition of Land or Land Rights-of-Way by Illinois Utilities and Common Carriers by Pipeline

A representative of a public utility or a common carrier by pipeline (collectively the company) is contacting you to negotiate the purchase of property or the acquisition of land or a land right-of-way over or through property that you own, or in which you have an interest as an owner. The company proposes to construct, operate and maintain certain facilities on your land, as set forth in the accompanying letter. The company representative contacting you will further explain the proposed project.

The purpose of this Statement is to provide you with general information regarding the Illinois Commerce Commission's (Commission's) regulatory process governing a company's proposed project, including the procedures that companies must follow before they can exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire land or land rights. Eminent domain is the power of the State, or those to whom the power is delegated by the State, to take private property for public use upon payment of just compensation to the landowner as is determined by the courts. This Statement covers several questions that landowners commonly pose to Commission staff members about proceedings at the Commission that relate to a company's proposed project when a company seeks to place facilities on or near those landowners' property. This Statement, however, is not a legal opinion concerning your rights under the law, or the Commission's rules. It also is not a detailed analysis of the procedures involved. If you have any questions concerning your legal rights, you may wish to consult an attorney.

Requests for a Commission Certificate under Section 8-406, 8-406.1, or 15-401 of the Public Utilities Act

Ordinarily, before constructing major new facilities, a public utility must obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Commission under Section 8-406 or 8-406.1 of the Public Utilities Act [220 ILCS 5/8-406 or 8-406.1]. Likewise, a common carrier by pipeline ordinarily must obtain a certificate in good standing from the Commission under Section 15-401 of the Public Utilities Act [220 ILCS 5/15-401] before constructing a pipeline or other facility. In either case, to obtain a certificate, the utility or common carrier files an application with the Commission describing the proposed project. The Commission then initiates a proceeding to

consider evidence regarding the application and notifies affected landowners of the date, time and place of the initial hearing regarding the proposed project. If you have concerns about such a proposal, the Commission encourages you to participate in the Commission's certificate proceeding. Changes to a company's proposal are much less likely after the Commission has approved the proposal and issued the company a certificate. Landowners may participate in the proceeding, either through oral or written statements, or by intervening in the proceeding regarding the proposed project, as provided in the Commission's Rules of Practice (83 Ill. Adm. Code 200). In this type of proceeding, the Commission considers such factors as the public need for the proposed project, the type of facilities to be constructed, and the feasibility of the proposed location of the facilities. If the Commission determines that a company has met the requirements for obtaining a certificate and it approves the facility's design and location, it will grant a certificate to the company authorizing construction of the facility and the route that the facility will take across or through property not owned or controlled by the company.

Requests for a Commission Order Under Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities Act

A company may also seek a Commission Order under Section 8-503 [220 ILCS 5/8-503] authorizing or directing it to construct the proposed project, either in conjunction with its request to obtain a certificate under Section 8-406 or 15-401, or separately. If a company seeks an order pursuant to Section 8-503 in a separate proceeding, the Commission will notify affected landowners of the Section 8-503 proceeding, and affected landowners may participate in this type of proceeding in the same manner as is described above for applications for certificates under Section 8-406 or 15-401. If, at the conclusion of the proceeding, the Commission grants the company's request for an order pursuant to Section 8-503, it will issue an order authorizing the proposed project or directing the company to construct the proposed project, including the specific route of the facility. If the Commission grants a company's request for a certificate under Section 8-406.1, the Section 8-406.1 order must also contain an order pursuant to Section 8-503 authorizing or directing the construction of the high voltage electric service line.

Requests for Eminent Domain Authority Pursuant to Section 8-509 of the Public Utilities Act

A company seeking a certificate under Section 8-406.1 or a Commission Order under Section 8-503 may also apply to the Commission for authorization under Section 8-509 [220 ILCS 5/8-509] to use the power of eminent domain through the courts pursuant to the Eminent Domain Act [735 ILCS 30] to acquire the land or land rights necessary for the project. The company may elect to seek Commission authorization pursuant to Section 8-509, either in conjunction with its request for a certificate under Section 8-406.1 or for a Commission Order under Section 8-503, or separately. If the Commission authorizes the use of eminent domain under Section 8-509, and if the company is unable to reach agreement with the landowners to acquire the property interests necessary to complete the proposed project, the company will file a condemnation lawsuit in the circuit court where the property is located in order to obtain the property interests that the project requires. The courts, not the Commission, make the final decision as to whether the company can acquire land or land rights by eminent domain and, if so, the compensation that the company will pay to the landowner.

Attempts by Companies to Acquire Property Rights

Before seeking a Commission Order authorizing or directing a company to construct a project, a company may choose to acquire land or land rights from landowners. A company may

seek to purchase land or acquire a right for use of the land. Alternatively, a company may seek to obtain an option to purchase land or land rights at a future date. A company representative will provide affected landowners with information regarding the price and other terms that the company intends to offer for the land or land rights. Such a company uses its own forms for this type of transaction. The Commission does not require a company seeking to acquire land or land rights to use any particular form.

The price and other terms for the land or land rights is a matter of negotiation between each landowner and a company. The Commission does not participate in the negotiation. The Commission also does not establish or approve the negotiated price and other terms for the acquisition of land or land rights. Negotiation involves discussion and bargaining in an effort to reach a mutual agreement. During the negotiations, and at any time, you may be represented by an attorney. However, you are under no obligation to retain anyone to provide legal counsel. Further, you are under no obligation to negotiate or reach an agreement with the company that is seeking to acquire land or land rights. The Commission does not require such a company to obtain by negotiation a fixed amount or percentage of land or land rights necessary for the project before it seeks Commission authorization to acquire land or land rights.

The Commission typically makes its final decision regarding a project's route in certificate proceedings. Once a company obtains a certificate, issues such as the specific route of the project are not typically reconsidered in subsequent Section 8-503 proceedings before the Commission. Once a company obtains a Commission Order pursuant to Section 8-503 for a project, issues such as the specific route of the project will not be reconsidered in subsequent Section 8-509 proceedings before the Commission and in subsequent condemnation proceedings before the courts. You should not delay in taking whatever action that you believe is, or may be, necessary to protect your property interests. If you elect to negotiate with a company, the Commission encourages you or your representative to negotiate vigorously.

If you have any questions about this Statement or Commission rules and procedures, please contact:

Director, Safety & Reliability Division
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Please address specific questions concerning your individual property to the company representative.

(Source: Amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 2864, effective March 1, 2013)